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The Magical “Tax Gap”

Democrats are determined to raise taxes to pay for their big-spending agenda – but they want their tax hikes to appear painless. How to achieve this sleight-of-hand? By closing the magical “tax gap,” of course.

Only problem is, they can’t squeeze that much juice from the turnip. They may claim big numbers from the “tax gap” – the difference between taxes owed and taxes paid. But all they can reasonably hope to collect is something like \$20 billion, according to IRS Commissioner Everson – *and it would take 5 years to get it.*

What about trying to get more? Say, for example, the \$772 billion in “tax gap” revenues that the Democrats’ claimed in the budget substitute last year? Well, that might require an IRS agent in every home – or something along those lines.

As Commissioner Everson put it:

“To reduce the tax gap dramatically will take some draconian steps, ones that will fundamentally change the relationship between taxpayers and the IRS, require an unacceptably high commitment of enforcement resources, and risk imposing unacceptable burdens on compliant taxpayers.”

Doesn’t sound so painless after all, does it?
